



Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Dear Social Studies Educator:

Social studies curriculum workshops will be held in all nine Professional Development Regions this fall. These workshops will be an excellent opportunity for teachers and curriculum coordinators to gain an understanding and use of model curriculum modules developed by Missouri and five other states. Thematic modules have been written in civics, economics, geography and history for elementary, middle, and high schools. These thematic modules are aligned to Missouri's Social Studies' Grade-Level Expectations.

The goals of the workshops are:

- to introduce teachers to the Comprehensive Social Studies Assessment Project (CSSAP) including all features and organizational design for modules.
- to demonstrate the Understanding by Design model as applied to social studies curriculum modules.
- to participate in hands-on practice in constructing curriculum using best skills and practices in social studies.
- to develop knowledge and skills necessary to improve social studies curriculum in the classroom, school, and district.

Four Missouri social studies educators have received training on the modules and will assist in the workshop instruction.

Since there is a limited amount of space available in each of these workshops registration will be taken on a first-come, first serve basis. There will be no cost for the workshop and materials will be provided. Enclosed is a list of locations, dates, and contact information.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure